Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What was the result of the enquiry?

President.—The result is given in the answer.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Hon'ble Member be pleased to read the final report of the enquiry?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—As stated in the answer, the allegations were found to be not true.

Number of licenses for tapping sweet toddy.

153. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total number of licenses granted in 1102 for tapping for sweet toddy in the year referred to;

(b) how many licenses were granted in 1101 for tapping for sweet toddy in 1102; and of the remaining licenses for 1102,

(c) how many were issued in the months of (i) Chingam and (ii) Kanni 1102?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—(a) 2,363 original licenses.

(b) 76.

(c) In Chingam 905 and in Kanni 262.

Alleged defalcation of stamps from the Excise Superintendent's Office.

154. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state what has become of the departmental enquiry referred to in the answer given to question No. 16 (c) of the legislative session of Vrischigam 1103?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—The Superintendent's report is under the consideration of Government.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I have not put that question, Sir.

President.—We shall look into the office file and find out how the mistake has arisen.

Reversion of Mr. C. P. Govinda Menon.

155. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the date on which the first application referred to in the answer to question No. 74(1) of the legislative session of Vrischigam 1103 was returned by the Head of the Department;

(2) the date on which the Superintendent got the Diwan's order referred to in 74(4);

(3) which is the rule which requires there should be duplicates for such leave applications?

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Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—(1) 30th Edavam 1102. But the order for its return was passed on 28th Edavam 1102 before the receipt of the Diwan's Proceedings referred to in (2).

(2) 28th Edavam 1102.

(3) It has been the practice in the department to receive applications in duplicate in cases where the sanction of a higher authority is required for the leave.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—This question also I have not put. I put a number of questions, and Government think that all unpleasant questions come from me.

President.—What is the justification for you to say that your questions are unpleasant ?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Because this question was not put by me.

President.—Why should you think Government consider your questions to be unpleasant ?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I am in the habit of asking troublesome questions. (*Loud Laughter*).

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—We do not take it in that light.

President.—Is it your honest opinion that your questions will be considered unpleasant by the Government ?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Not unpleasant but troublesome.

President.—You put questions for information. We have to disclose information. There is no question of pleasantness or unpleasantness either in the question or in the answer. We want to show our cards to you.

How is it that these mistakes arose, Mr. Krishna Menon ?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I shall have to look into the file.

156. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state what are the specific orders disobeyed by Mr. C. P. Govinda Menon referred to in the answer to question No. 72(a) of the legislative session of Vrischigam 1103?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—(1) Order dated 20th Kanni 1101 and 28th Kanni 1101 to furnish within the time fixed the information and the reports and explanations therein called for.

(2) Departmental circular No. 5 of 1097 directing to produce the tobacco taken into custody before the Magistrate within 24 hours from the time of seizure.

(3) The same circular requiring him to call for and consider the plea and contention of the accused before charging the case.

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